

House K-12 Subcommittee Amendment No. 2

Amendment No. 2 to HB4089

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 4104

House Bill No. 4089*

By deleting in Section 1 of the amended bill the amendatory language in subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)

(1) The department of education is authorized to develop and the state board of education is authorized to approve a curriculum for an elective state funded course consisting of a nonsectarian, nonreligious academic study of the Bible and its impact in literature, art, music, culture, and politics. The curriculum and associated textbooks shall meet academic rigor and standards of the state board of education in the same manner as required for approval of any other elective course and textbook approved by the state board and shall meet the requirements of the Constitutions of the United States and Tennessee. The course provided for in this section shall:

(A) Be taught in an objective and nondevotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate students;

(B) Not include teaching of religious doctrine or sectarian interpretation of the Bible or of texts from other religious or cultural traditions; and

(C) Not disparage or encourage a commitment to a particular set of religious beliefs.

(2) All courses which were taught in the 2007-2008 school year under a special course number in any LEA in the state for an elective course consisting of a nonsectarian, nonreligious academic study of the Bible and its impact in

literature, art, music, culture or politics shall be an approved curriculum by the department of education.